Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Shall I get the file from the office?

President.—Not now. The question time is over. I want to know where the delay was. These questions are all put together; in fact, these are the only three questions of Dr. A. R. Menon. I do not think he has sent any other question.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not give unnecessary trouble. These are the only three questions that I put. Two were taken, and one is left unanswered.

President.—He has really ground for complaint.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We really cannot appreciate the difficulty of gathering these materials—really cannot appreciate!

President.—But it seems to me, you must take it from me that every honest attempt is made to furnish answers to your questions.

221. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the applicants for the Sirkar Vakil's post, recently applied?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The appointment of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

222. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state when was the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer first entertained in the State service and what were the terms of the appointment?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the various Government orders granting extensions of his tenure of office?

(c) When were these orders notified in the Gazette? If not notified, why were they not notified?

(d) How old is the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, and what is the reason for extending the period of his service when he is already under retirement from the British service on account of old age?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer assumed charge on 23rd April 1924. The terms of the appointment are given in the Diwan's Notification, dated 2nd January 1924, and the Diwan's Proceedings, C. No. 1754 of 99, dated 2nd January 1924, and Dis. No. 342/R/99, dated 27th June 1924, copies of which are appended (*Vide Appendix IV A.*)

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(b) Extension was granted once only. Copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV B.*)

(c) It was not necessary to notify the extension in view of the Diwan's Notification, dated 2nd January 1924. (*Vide Appendix IV A.*)

(d) The present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is 61 years old. Extension was granted in the interests of the State service.

The tours and travelling allowance of the Diwans.

223. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In answer to question No. 397 requesting for information with regard to the names of officers who had the power to fix the programme of their own tours and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of them during the last 10 years, the name of the Diwan is found omitted.

(a) Have the Diwans no power to fix the programme of their tours?

(b) What is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each of the Diwans of Cochin during the last 10 years?

(c) What is the special agreement, if any, with regard to their travelling allowance at the time of the appointment?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The name of the Diwan was omitted because, as His Highness' Chief Minister and the Chief Executive Officer of the State, the Diwan stands on a level apart from the other officers of the State.

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*) The records for the previous years have been destroyed.

(c) The travelling allowance of the Diwans, if British officers, is regulated by the rules in British India, and if not, by the rules in *the C. S. R.*, or by the term of appointment, if they are already Cochin Government officers, and by special agreement in the case of others.

Officers who held powers of appointment.

224. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the officers who held the powers of appointment during the last 10 years;

(b) the total number of appointments which each of them made;

(c) the total number of each caste or class to which the appointees belonged (sub-division of a caste as shown in

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